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In re Application of  
MINATO et al.  
Application No.: 10/564,392  
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Priority Date: None  
Attorney Docket No.: 03020.0375/P375  
For: OBJECT DECISION DEVICE AND IMAGING  
DEVICE

DECISION ON REQUEST

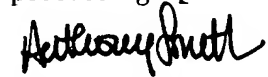
This decision is issued in response to applicants' "Petition under 37 CFR 1.182 to Change Inventor's Name" dated 28 August 2006. Applicants are requesting to change the name of the first inventor from Yoshihisa Ijiri to Yoshihisa Minato due to marriage. The petition was accompanied by an affidavit signed by Yoshihisa Minato using both her former name and present name. The \$400 petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(f) has been charged to counsel's Deposit Account, as authorized.

DISCUSSION

The Manual of Patent Examining Procedure at § 605.04(c) requires in cases where an inventor's name has been changed after the application has been filed and the inventor desires to change his or her name on the application, he or she must submit a petition under 37 CFR 1.182. The petition must include (1) the appropriate petition fee and (2) an affidavit signed by the inventor setting forth both names and the procedure whereby the change of name was effected, or a certified copy of the court order. The petition has been reviewed and is approved. The declaration submitted on 06 June 2005 is accepted.

CONCLUSION

The petition under 37 CFR 1.182 to change the inventor's name from Yoshihisa Ijiri to Yoshihisa Minato is GRANTED. This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the International Division for continued national stage processing.

  
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